RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not able to answer that question, Sir.

The Temple Entry Committee.

115. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state in connection with the Temple-Entry Enquiry Committee:

(*a*) the number of days on which the Committee sat;
(*b*) the number of places visited;
(*c*) the number of witnesses examined; and
(*d*) the total expenditure incurred by Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 112.
(*b*) 23.
(*c*) 448.
(*d*) The total expenditure on the Temple Entry Enquiry Committee up to the end of Edavam 1109 is Rs. 25,529-16-10.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know what action has been taken upon the report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is under consideration.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know how long it is since the report has been submitted to Government?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think it is a few months now since it was received by Government.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know the number of copies that have been printed of that report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 250 copies.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): What are the main proposals contained in the report?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice. I do not remember them all—they are so numerous.

PRESIDENT: I congratulate you.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether Government considers it necessary to publish the report like other Government publications?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The report has already been published.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Is it available to the public?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A few copies are available for sale.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): May I know from the member whether Government will be pleased to furnish the members of this House with copies of the report?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In the last session of the Assembly, that question was answered ; and Government then said that they would consider the question.

Tube wells in coastal regions.

116. ***MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the experiment of making tube wells in the coastal regions of the Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli taluks has been tried to get good drinking water ; and

(*b*) how far the experiment has been successful ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes, in the Karunagapalli taluk only.

(*b*) The sample water obtained at Ayiramthengu as a result of the first trial boring from springs from 75 to 107 feet below ground level proved to be definitely impotable on chemical examination. But it was considered possible that the samples obtained might have been contaminated by mixture with salt water in the upper layer, because the water had not been sufficiently pumped out and also possibly because of leakage through defective joints in the bore springs. Hence it is thought worth while to make another attempt elsewhere by making a fresh boring of 150 feet to get water from below 103 feet drawn up without contamination.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member when this experiment was first started ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : About November 1932.

MR. K SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member when the department was aware that the experiment already started was defective ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The experiment was not defective but when the sample water obtained from below 75 to 107 feet as a result of the experiment was subjected to chemical examination, it was found that the water was impotable.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member whether the Public Works Department consults the Public Health Department as to the area where the experiment of trying tube wells for getting drinking water is to be conducted ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I cannot say whether the Health Department was consulted or not We cannot know whether there will be water or not until it is tried.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : My question is whether they used to consult the Health Department.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : As to what ?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : As to the nature of the place from where water is derived, whether good drinking water could be got by sinking wells or not ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I think the P. W. Department would know it better.

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